 Docket No. 4296-150 US

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
SAKAMOTO et al.

Serial No. 10/086,931 : Group Art Unit: 1764

Filed: March 1, 2002 : Examiner: MANOHARAN, V.

Title: METHOD FOR DISTILLING :
(METH)ACRYLIC ACID SOLUTION :
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Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a three-month extension of time, up to and including May 24, 2004 in which to file a response to the Office Action mailed November 24, 2003. The fee for a three-month extension of time is \$950.00. Applicants have previously paid the fees indicated below:

\$110.00 for a one-month extension of time and an additional \$310.00, for the balance of a two-month extension of time fees. Applicants enclose herewith a check in the amount of \$530.00, which represents the balance of fees owed for filing a request for a three-month

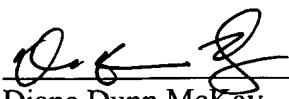


extension of time (i.e., \$110.00 (1-month fee) + \$310.00 (additional fee) = \$420.00 (2-month fee). \$950 (3-month fee) - \$420 (2-month fee) = \$530.00 (balance due)).

If any additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 13-2165 therefor.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: May 24, 2004



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